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As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth
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Applicant hereby submits information thought to be relevant to the
examination of the above-identified application, Also submitted
herewith is a completed form PTO-1449.

This information came to light during the examination of a
counterpart application in the European Patent Office in a search
report dated June 2, 2003. Therefore, the undersigned hereby

certifies that this information is being submitted within three months of the date on which it came to light.

European Application 00307105.7 relates to a reproducing method and recording medium, wherein there are two layers for recording. A discriminating signal, indicating the play back mode, is recorded on at least one of the first or second recoding layers.

European Application 00951900.0 relates to an optical recording medium and a method for reproduction. The recording medium has a plurality of layers, where data is recorded on first and second layers. Replay signals of variable configurations can be obtained by suitably synthesizing data readout from the respective recording layers.

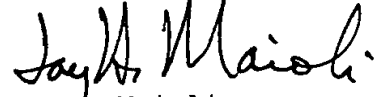
European Application 00112247.2 relates to a recording medium, apparatus and method, and a reproducing method and apparatus. The recording medium having n recording layers and the recording apparatus recording n trains of sampled data. The recording apparatus and method are designed to reproduce the n trains of data from the n recording regions of the record medium.

European Application 96920029.4 relates to a recording medium and device and a reproducing method and device. The recording medium includes a first and second recording area where digital audio signals are recorded and a first and second management area where management data is recorded corresponding the first or second recording area. Identification data representing the presence of the plurality recording areas is recorded in the first management area.

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